

The Friday Post

Friday, 03 March 2023



PE KIT

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| Dormouse | Monday | Thursday | Thursday |
| Red Squirrel | Monday | Thursday | Thursday |
| Hedgehog | Tuesday Swimming | Thursday | Monday |
| Badger | Tuesday | Thursday | Friday |

PE kit should be worn to school on the appropriate day. Woodland school kit should consist of waterproofs, **hat, scarf, gloves**, long sleeved shirt, long trousers and wellies or boots.

ABSENCE

The government is placing a lot more emphasis on good school attendance. We are therefore required to ask for reasons for absence.

Please let the office know (via phone, email or website) if your child is off school for illness.

For appointments during the school day (doctor, dentist, hospital etc) please ask the reception for an appointment card and hand this in to the office. Alternatively, a copy of the appointment letter (we can photocopy for you).

It would be most beneficial if appointments could be avoided during school hours as the children often miss important teaching points or activities. Obviously, there will be occasions when this isn't possible and we understand that.

DOGS

Please keep dogs on leads when walking up to, and waiting outside, school. We have had incidents of dog mess in school too! Thanks.



DIARY DATES

9th March - Cricket workshop - **All in PE kit**
15th & 16th March - Parent Meetings
Friday 17th March - Mothering Sunday Sale (FOCS)
Wednesday 29th March - Easter Service in church
Friday 31st March - Comic Relief fundraiser (Badger)
Friday 31st March - End of Term
Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April - Easter Holiday
Monday 17th April - Term starts
Tuesday 18th April - Swimming for Red Squirrels starts
Thursday 20th April - tennis workshops - **All in PE kit**
Monday 1st May - May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May - Coronation Bank Holiday
Friday 26th May - PD Day - school closed to children

CONTACT DETAILS

If you change your contact details for any reason, especially **phone number** or address, please let the office know.

MENU

Next Week: Week ONE

Updated menus are available on the website.

Please make sure your catering purse is regularly topped up.

Change of menu for Monday 6th:

Sausage or veggie sausage, hash brown, baked beans & peas and a cookie.



PARKING

Please remember to park safely and considerately. The yellow zig zags are painted on the road to keep children safe by allowing drivers to clearly see pedestrians. Thankyou.



WASTE WEEK



Next week is Waste Week. We shall be thinking about waste and what we can all do to reduce the amount of waste being produced.

- The UK throws away 1.5million tonnes of electrical equipment every year
- 60% of UK homes have 1-3 unused mobile phones that could be reused or recycled

READ EASY



There are 2.4 million adults in England alone - over 5% of the working age population - who can barely read or cannot read at all. Our trained volunteer Reading Coaches provide free, confidential, one-to-one coaching to adults who want to learn to read. Read Easy is a charity dedicated to helping adults develop their reading skills. They are always keen to hear from anyone willing to volunteer or who needs support in this area: <https://readeasy.org.uk/>.

MESSAGING

Office hours are from 8.30 - 3.30.

Urgent messages outside these hours (from 7.45am and until 6pm) should be phoned through please.

Our value for the term is '**COURAGE**'.

IRONBRIDGE GORGE MUSEUM

Ironbridge Museums are running special 'Early Bird' sessions at Enigunity for families who would prefer a quieter experience. Check out [Ironbridge Early Birds](#) for more details.



MATHS COURSES FOR ADULTS

Shrewsbury Colleges Group are providing maths courses for adults. Check out their website for more details: [Free maths courses for adults \(scg.ac.uk\)](http://scg.ac.uk)



SHROPSHIRE STAR

We are collecting tokens again this year. Please pass any to the school office. Thanks

SAFER SCHOOLS

We are relaunching the Safer Schools Initiative by holding a meeting on Monday 13th March at 1030. This is open to any stakeholders to become involved in and we would welcome some input from parents. Please let the office know if you would like to attend. The purpose of the initiative is to consider the safety of everyone in school in different areas and how necessary improvements might be made. You should have received a survey yesterday. Please return this as soon as possible for the results to be discussed at the meeting. Thankyou.



STAR PUPILS & STAFF

Well done to everyone for spending time thinking about their favourite books for World Book Day. Everyone should have brought a £1 token which can be exchanged in part for a book or for a special WBD book. It was fun looking at the children's outfits and trying to guess the book. The whale was a particular treat!!



COMMUNICATIONS

We maintain an 'open door' policy for parents to speak with staff when the need arises. This may not always be practically possible, especially in the mornings when teaching staff need to be in class to attend to arriving children (if the TA is not present). In this case, please speak with Mrs or Mr Watts (who are usually stood at the gate) to arrange an appointment or pass a message to. If you prefer, please call school or email and Mr Watts will be happy to assist. Most staff come to the gate in the afternoons. Thankyou

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NINTENDO SWITCH SETUP

If your child has a Nintendo Switch, have you set up the parental controls yet? You can either set parental controls up on the console itself or if you have a phone (or other smart device), Nintendo have created a free app that you can download and link to your console. We would recommend this app as you are able to monitor what your child is playing from your phone.

The app allows you to adjust various settings, including:

- Limit play time
- Restrict communication with others
- Restrict allowed games by age

You can find out more here:

<https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Support/Nintendo-Switch/How-to-Set-Up-or-Adjust-Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1494771.html>

PLACE 2 BE



There are some, potentially, useful videos and articles about managing children's mental health on the Place2Be website. Click [here](#) for more information.

SCHOOL SPIDER

The School Spider is free to download from playstore or Apple App store. Using the App allows you to quickly access your account and receive messages and emails as well as bookings and absence notifications much quicker. We can also send smartphone messages which are free!



GRAVEYARD

Please encourage the children to be careful and respectful when walking through the graveyard. Some of the gravestones are very old and, whilst they are regularly checked for safety, may fall. Similarly, with grave decorations. Thanks

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EARLY HELP

Being a parent can be very rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be worrying, frustrating and exhausting. There may be times when you feel that you need some extra help and support to be able to manage the challenges that many parents face.

These may be challenges that come from a sudden upheaval, ongoing change or just from everyday family life. They could then impact on the whole family or on individual family members, and place stress on relationships within the family.

In Shropshire we give parents the support and guidance they need to be able to meet the needs of their children, through offering parents early solutions to challenges that arise.

These early solutions could be through services which are available to all parents, or it could be that services will be offered through more targeted support.

In the first instance you can contact the Family Information Service to find out which services are available by calling 01743 254400, or [search for services yourself](#).

If you want to talk about your concerns you can call 03456 789 021.



The SEND Local Offer

Lots of information and support for children and young people with SEND and their families, including:

- Education
- Health and wellbeing
- Family support
- Social care
- Preparing for adulthood
- Early help
- Things to do
- Education, health and care plan (EHCP)
- Travel and transport
- Financial support

local.offer@shropshire.gov.uk 0345 678 9063
www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/



If you need help accessing the Local Offer please speak to your school or local library.



Support for parent carers of children with SEND - Shropshire's Local Offer

Having access to good quality information to help you understand the world of SEND is important when making decisions about your child's life. This is where websites such as the [Shropshire's SEND Local Offer](#) can help you.

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